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17. (New) The use of composite elements as claim in claim 5 as damping elements in automotive construction.

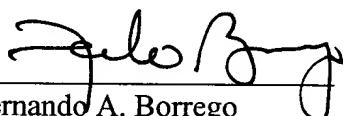
18. (New) The use of composite elements as claim in claim 6 as damping elements in automotive construction.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the present application as amended herein. Upon entry of the above preliminary amendment, claims 1-7 and 9-18 remain pending in the application. Claim 8 has been cancelled. Claims 10-18 have been added. The above amendment place the claims in better condition for examination on the merits. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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